



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Opportunities for Private Landowners

Partners Program Goals and Principals

- ☞ Implement habitat restoration
- ☞ Provide leadership and expertise
- ☞ Promote partnerships
- ☞ Voluntary and proactive
- ☞ Private and tribal lands
- ☞ Conduct public outreach and promote understanding



Working Together in New Jersey

The United States of America has lost more than half of its wetlands – almost 117,000,000 acres. New Jersey has also lost more than half its wetlands, some 584,000 acres. Partners for Fish and Wildlife, a national program implemented by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) to protect, enhance and



restore important fish and wildlife habitats on private lands through partnerships, offers a chance to regain some of America's most important

natural resources. This voluntary cost-share program builds on the strength and interest of committed individuals and organizations to accomplish shared conservation goals.

Traditionally, Partners for Fish and Wildlife focused on wetland restoration. More recently, the program expanded to include aquatic, upland, and riparian (natural stream and river bank) restorations. Since the program's New Jersey debut in 1991, the New Jersey Field Office and our many partners worked to restore 4,644 acres of wetlands, 742 acres of uplands, and 22

miles of riparian areas during the last twelve years.

Areas in Need of Restoration

Areas with the highest restoration potential in New Jersey include: disturbed coastal and bay salt marshes, grazed and urban riparian areas, farmed or drained wetlands, drained vernal (recurring, temporary) ponds, former cranberry bogs, wetlands in the Hackensack Meadowlands, abandoned mining sites, shrub/dune communities, grasslands, and fragmented forests. However, any private, county, municipal, or tribal lands meeting the program's goals and guidelines are eligible.

How to Become a Partner

If you are interested in this meaningful partnership program, please contact the Service's New Jersey Field Office. Additional information can be found at the Partners for Fish and Wildlife web site at:

<http://njfieldoffice.fws.gov/partners>

Proposed projects are evaluated for their restoration potential and for meeting the program's goals and guidelines. For qualifying projects, the Service will provide plans and recommendations, assistance with implementation, and funds for restoration work. Landowners must sign an agreement to maintain a restored site for at least 10 years (commitments of greater than 20 years are preferred).

Because of federal funding limitations, cost-sharing is an integral part of the program. In-kind services (e.g., labor, machinery, materials) and funds from partners are essential to the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The map (reverse) shows the location of project sites in New Jersey, highlighting examples of the program's successful wetland, upland, and riparian restorations.



Restoration Accomplishments in New Jersey - 1991 to 2003

- ☞ 5,035 acres of wetlands
- ☞ 789 acres of native grassland and other upland
- ☞ 25 miles of riparian and in-stream habitat



Project Sites in New Jersey



Before

Beatty Farm



After



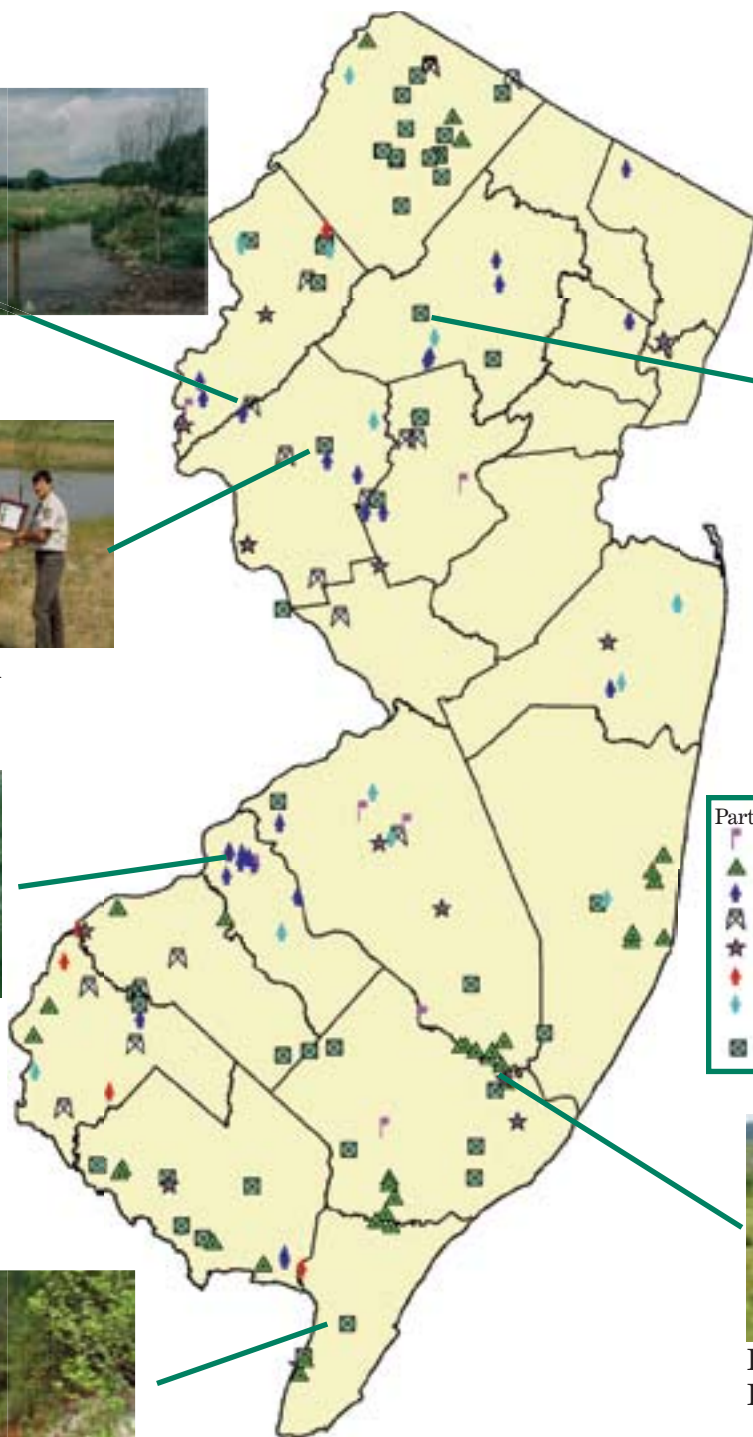
Valley Crest Farm



Cooper River



Lizard Tail Swamp



Buttermilk Falls



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